# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION COVER SHEET

# **SUBJECT: Lorraine Hansberry**

Part 1 of 3

Robbin Strain Control of the Control o

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

**SUBJECT:** Lorraine Hansberry

**FILE NUMBER:** <u>62-60527</u>

SECURITY

ONAME Checks

It was reliably reported in December 1951 that Lorraine Hansberry was listed among the writers of a periodi-sal entitled "Her Challenge." This newspaper is published by the Labor Youth League, which organization has been designated as coming within the purview of Executive Order

RECORDED - 68 INDEXED 68 EX-25 MLP:dhm:feafea

DALLA

Herein is unclassified

EXCEPT WEE

Page 7 of the magazine section of the May 25, 1952, issue of the "Norker" sarried an article indicating that Lorraine Hansberry, who was a delegate to the Monttvideo Inter-Gontinental Peace Congress, would take part in a festival sponsored by the American Peace Crusade and the New York Peace Institute, hell May 28, 1952, at the St. Micholas Arena, New York City. The American Peace Crusade was cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as an organization which "the Communists established."

The information herein is a resume of that appearing in the files of this Bureau. Investigation of this individual has been instituted in the field and the results will be made available to you upon receipt.

This is for your confidential use only. It is the result of an FBI file check and is not to be considered as a clearance or nonclearance of the individual involved.

Many by Jacket 18. 235

X

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

SUBJECT: Lorraine Hansberry

FILE NUMBER: <u>100-393031</u>

Routing Slip	
0-7 (Rev. 2-24-50)	Poste 9/20/60
TO SACI	Date
Albank Honolulu	D
Albuquerque Houston Anchorage Indianapolis	New York City   Seattle
Atlanta Jacksonville	Norfolk Springfield Oklahoma City Washington Field
Birmingham Knoxville	Philadelphia Quantico
Buffalo Los Angeles	Phoenix TO LEGAT: Pitteburgh Bonn
Charlotte Memphis	Portland Havana Richmond London
Chicago Miami Cincinnati Milwaukee	St. Louis Madrid
Cleveland Minneapolis Dallas Mobile	San Antonio Ottawa
Detroit New Haven	San Francisco Rome
El Paso	San Juan Rio de Janeiro
RE: /- CARLES //	HANSBERRY NEMIROFF
LORRHINE VIVIAN	ITANS BERRY IVE MILOFF
Sm-C	
(IM) 100 - 107297)	
(1000)	
	SEARCHEDFILED
For information For appropri	ate action   Super by
The enclosed is for your information all sources, paraphrase contents	14742EL % T 18P()
Enclosed are corrected pages from re	
dated	The same of the sa
BEMARKS O OLOLO	
REMARKS: Leurep 9/9/60	
	The agreement and
appears admisable	the passion one
traveluel as the	Park a subject
trovelufo, as in the	1 0 -
husbond, he repor	ted in curent
_,	
report. Sy amendes	c proges promptly
lun RIS MIL IN U. MAIN	N CONTAINTS
Fictory (a)	STETEN
LATE (//	cell IEU
DHIE 4/16/8/	BYSe,-sell Bury
The second secon	

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

,	
_	9/9/60

Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period	
NEW YORK	NEW YORK	9/9/60		0/0//
TITLE OF CASE	***	- Report made by	1/25/00	- 9/9/60
MA				b7c Cas
LORRAINE VIVIA	AN HANSBERRY	CHARACTER OF C	ASE	
O NEMIROFF aka		SECUR	ITY MATTER - C	
REFERENCE:		TAINED H	LL INFORMATION CONTEREIN IS UNCLASSIFING MERE SHOWN IHERWISE  LEXT. By SI D-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2  If Review (1/6/6)	tatle 5
and employmen	The pretext utili	zed in ascerta	ining subject	s residence
not travel to		etext was	with subject	
	Investigation fail	s to mostlant	414	

utilized her passport for foreign travel.

Approved	Special In Ch		
Bureau (100 3-New York (1	1/20	100-393031-4 CORRECTED FIRST	4
AGENCY TELL STATE FORW. 2-29 HOW FORM. 84		Bog pog	Lu
53 SEP 2919	4	it nor its contents are to be distributed outside	the espency to which







# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

	Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.
×	Deleted under exemption(s) (b)() with no segregable material available for release to you.
	Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
	Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
	Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies), was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you
	Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.
-	Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):
	For your information:
X	The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:  100-393031-44 Cover Page B

XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX



	1. X Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
	2. The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
	3. Changes on the Security Index card are necessary
	and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau
	4. X A suitable photograph X is is not available.  5. Careful consideration has been given to each source
-	concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must
*	be concealed.
-	6. Subject is employed in a key facility and
4.7	is charged with security responsibility. Interested
Carlo TAN	agencies are
	7. This report is classified because
	(state reason)
	그리스 그는
1 3a sa	The state of the s
E STATE	8. Subject previously interviewed (date)
	Subject previously interviewed (dates)  Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
100 m	subject is employed as a Free Lance Writer, whose
	recent past success has given the subject great.
	/ notoriety in the New York Press. In addition/to this
	subject's play, "A Raisin in the Sun" is currently
100	being filmed in Hollywood. An interview at this time is deemed inadvisable since it could be a source of
	embarrassment to the Bureau.
20.27.2	
-9	9. This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria
	and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recom-
	mending cancellation of the Security Index card.
¥.	10. A This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the
	Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)
2000	
	157
	57
Sen i	
23.44E	고기교도 <u>일이 다른</u> 일반되는 이번도 하고 있다. 이 전략이 되는 사람이 있으면 이루션 (1946년 11일 1920년 1
	11. X Subject's SI card is X is not tabbed Detcom.
7.00	Subject's activities of A do not warrant Detcom
	tabbing.
	-COVER PAGE-
	CONF. CITIAL

L'D-20: ev. 3-8-59

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF J. STICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: Date:

SEF 9 1960

Office: New York, New York

Field Office File No.:

New York 100-107297

Bureau File No .: 100-393031

Title:

LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY NEMIROFF

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject resides at 337 Bleecker Street, New York City, and is a self-employed Free Lance Writer. Subject issued Passport number 1622640 on 5/27/59.

-C-

DETAILS:

## I. BACKGROUND

## Residence and Employment

On September 2, 1960, by means of a pretext, it was ascertained by a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that LORRAINE NEMIROFF resides at 337 Bleecker Street, New York City, and is self-employed as a Free Lance Writer, working from her residence.

## Passport Data

The records of the Passport Office, Department of State, furnished to the FBI by letter dated June 18, 1959, reflect that LORRAINE HANSBERRY NEMIROFF, 337 Bleecker Street, New York, New York, was issued Passport number 1622640 on May 27, 1959.

A'L INTERMATION CONTINED

L'ERE (16/81 BY >1-lak/bury

These records further reflect that NEMIROFF was scheduled to depart from New York City in July for a three months stay abroad. She intended to visit England and France, and the purpose of her trip was listed as "overseas production of play". In her passport application fil ed May 13, 1959, NEMIROFF did not answer the questions relating to present and past membership in the Communist Party (CP).

The CP, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

NEMIROFF's mailing address was listed as c/o HANSBERRY, 1145 Hyde Park Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

On September 16, 1959, by means of a pretext, it was ascertained by a SA of the FBI that subject indicated she wanted to travel to Europe but did not have the time to go at that time.

## II. MISCELLANEOUS

Confidential informants who are acquainted with certain phases of Communist activity in the New York City area, advised during August, 1960, after viewing a photograph of NEMIROFF, they had no knowledge of her current activities.



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

NEW YORK  NEW YORK  9/6/61  7/27 - 8/30/61  Typed	Reporting Office		15.		
LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY  CHARACTER OF CASE  SECURITY MATTER - C  REFERENCE  Report mode by  Typed  SX  Typed  SX  REFERENCE  Typed  SX  Typed  Typed  SX  Typed  SX  Typed  Type		NEW YORK	9/6/61	Investigative Period  7/27 - 8/30/6	31
LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY  SECURITY MATTER - C  REFERENCE  REFERENCE	TITLE OF CASE			1/21 - 0/30/0	
REFERENCE  CHARACTER OF CASE  SECURITY MATTER - C  REFERENCE  LTC  Application of Case  SECURITY MATTER - C				47	0
SECURITY MATTER - C  REFERENCE  LTC PROPERTY  SECURITY MATTER - C	LORRAINE VIV	IAN HANSBERRY	CHARACTER OF CAL	SIE	jxb
REFERENCE  REFERENCE	NEMIROFF BAR		anain-		4
REFERENCE LTC PROPERTY OF THE	X		SECURITY	MATTER - C	
REFERENCE LTC PROPERTY OF THE	Ψ				•
REFERENCE LTC PROPERTY OF THE	Procedury	Mental de la companya del companya de la companya del companya de la companya de			( )
REFERENCE  Report of SA  9/9/60, at New York.	ASCRACA				5 V DA
REFERENCE  Report of SA  9/9/60, at New York.				a Tul	NOW
Report of SA dated 9/9/60, at New York.	REFERENCE			المراس ()	71.
Report of SA dated 9/9/60, at New York.				bre Afr	
9/9/00, at New York.	Rep	ort of SA	d	lated	
1-0+13	9/9	00, at New York	•	, A	· /
70 TO: US 17				70 TO: US //	2
$-\mathbf{C} - \frac{1}{1000} = \frac{1}{100$		- C	-	REC'D 1-02	
ANS. O				ANS 5 1002	
ADMINISTRATIVE U 109 1	ADMINISTRATIV	E			-1. 21-
BY: 389 R: Dessir gr				R:D	case Job
67c -e				L7C	e
$\mathcal{N} \cdot \mathcal{N}$	$\mathcal{A} \cdot \mathcal{A}$			010	
11450	11/20				
Special Agent in Charge Do not write in spaces below				Do not write in spaces below	
Copies made: 4-Bureau (100-393081) (RM) /4-Bureau (100-393081) (RM)		-3930X1)(RM)	10. 200	2, 21 1/6	
(41 Bureau (100-393081) (RM) 3-New York (190-107297)	3-New York (10	30-107297)	100-373	1031 -73	
PFC 87		a			RFG- 87
Reason-FCIM II, 1-2.4,2	Class. & Ext. By	Dur	-	The state of the s	1120 57
Date of Review 14 91	Date of Rovies TJU 91	Name and Address of the Address of t	SFP SFP	7 1061	EX
Z(1/2)	7	(12)		* 1301	13.5
		die!		(1)	
AGENCY ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED	ALILI I	NFORMATION CONTAINED		W/- CEU	
DATE FORM. 9-14-6-6 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED	HEAF.	IN IS UNCLASSIFIED	7.1 <u>7</u>	1) 400	
HOW FORW. 05-0-6 OTHERWISE	HOW FORW. 215-0-6 OTHER	RWISE		Spir	
Bi Balfriss	B. E. Juse				

4-750 (2-7-79)



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

	Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.
	Deleted under exemption(s) b1 b10 with no segregable material available for release to you.
	Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
	Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
	Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies), was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you
	Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.
	Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):
	For your information:
$\boxtimes$	The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:  100-393031-45 Coverpage B

XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX

MX TO	U-10: C	
2. x	Subject ame is included in the Se rity Index. The data appearing on the Security Index card are	
3	Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.	
5. <b>x</b>	A suitable photograph x is is not available. Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must	
6	be concealed. Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are	
7. X	This report is classified <u>Confidential</u> because (state reason)	
7 Malia	it contains information from a current valuable source of the FBI (NY T-1). It is felt that the unauthorized disclosure of information attributed to this source could compromise it and thus be injurious to the National Defense.	/
	Subject previously interviewed (dates) Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) subject is employed as a free lance writer whose success in the recent past has given the subject great notoriety in the NY press. Her play, "A Raisin in the Sun" has been made into a current motion picture attracting national interest. It is felt an interview of subject could possibly constitute a source of embarrassment to this Burea	 .u.
9	This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.	
10.X	This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)	
		670
X	Subject's SI card is x is not tabbed Detcom. Subject's activities do x do not warrant Detcom tabbing.	
	- C* -	
	COVER PAGE LIDE I'M	

問題的問題的

FD-204 (Rev. 2-3-50)

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STICE

17C

GOM IDENTIAL

Copy to:

Report of:

Date:

9/6/61

Field Office File No.:

100-107297

Bureau File No.:

Office:

100-393031

New York, New York

Title:

LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY NEMIROFF

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

670

Informants cognizant of some Communist activity in the NY area were contacted and shown a photograph of the subject during July and August, 1961, and could furnish no information concerning her.

- C -

-gelkur

COMPEDIATEAL

COMPEDENTIAL.

NY 100-107297

DETAILS

I. BACKGROUND

Residence and Employment

670

## II. MISCELLANEOUS

During July and August, 1961, informants cognizant of some Communist activity in the New York area were contacted and shown a photograph of the subject and could furnish no new or additional information concerning her.



## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

## PEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York September 6, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

> Bureau 100-393031 New York 100-107297

> > Title Lorraine Vivian Hansberry Nemiroff

Character Security Matter - C

Agent Reference is made to the report of Special dated and captioned as above, at b7c

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

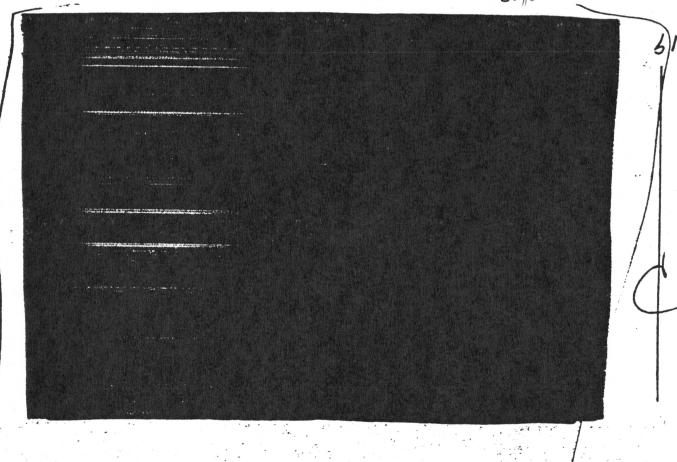


# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

NEW YORK	NEW YORK	9/6/62	7/19/62-8/31	762	
TITLE OF CASE		REPORT MADE BY	<u> </u>		TYPED BY
LORRAINE	VIVIAN HANSBERRY	CHARACTER OF		67c	hdj
MEMINOFF	ana A	HEREI EXCES	NFORMATION CONTAIN IS UNCLASSIFIED TWIERE SHOWN		
REFERENCE				1	70
3 BON PAINATE	W(11 N B // 1) -	hun literate	dated 9/6/	62, 3 15, 4	,
ADMINISTR	Million Marine Spready works and a second se	0/62. to the	subject's res	d dence	
at 337 Ble	The pretext on 8/3 eecker Street, New	York City, wa	s contacted, b		67C 67E
					/
				1	670
	Class. Reason	# Ext. By Sp1- p	4sk/Bwg	(/	
	Date of	Review G/6/8	4/16/8	1	fr.
APPROVED	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	. DO N	OT WRITE IN SPACES BE	LOW	1
DOPIES MADE: 4-Bureau (	100-393031)(RM)	100 39	3031-	_4	6
3-New York	(1/00-107297)	25 SEP :	10 1962	REC	9
John J. John J.	foro Dissim			EX 11/4	
DISSEMINATION RECORD  BENCY RECD.  ATE PWD. 10.117 /c 0.	OF ATTACHED REPORT	NOTATIONS	ATROL		
r	3,13				



It is noted that subject and her husband reside at two different addresses, the husband living at 337 Bleecker Street, NYC, and the subject living at 112 Waverly Place, New York City. It is believed that the purpose for these two addresses is for business reasons inasmuch as during the above mentioned pretext subject's husband stated that his wife was unavailable and had "retreated" to her private residence at 112 Waverly Place, where she was unavailable for interview. The subject's husbandmentioned that this was the customary practice of his wife whenever she was engaged in writing.



- B - COVER PAGE





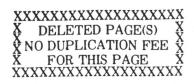




## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

	Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.
×	Deleted under exemption(s) bl with no segregable material available for release to you.
	Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
	Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
	Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies), was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.
	Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.
•	Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):
	For your information:
×	The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:  100-393031-46 Cover page C





## NY 100-107297



- Marie - Mari	
1. X Subject's name is included in the Security Index. 2. X The data appearing on the Security Index card are	
3. Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.  4. X A suitable photograph X is is not available.  5. Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.  6. Subject is employed in a large Content.	
is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are	
7. This report is classified because (state reason)	
8. Subject previously interviewed (dates) Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) of the possibility of embarrassment to the Bureau as a result of the subject's notoriety in the New York Press.	<b>-</b> *
9. This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.  10. X This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)	670
11. X Subject's SI card is x is not tabbed Detcom.  X Subject's activities do x do not warrant Detcom tabbing.	

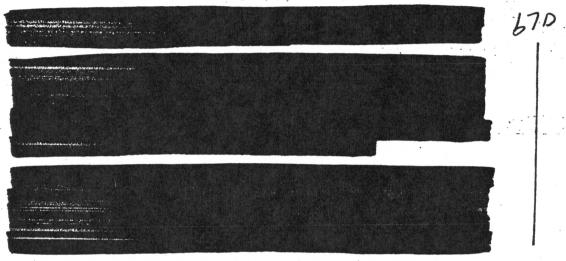
COVER PAGE

- D -





#10 Contid



In view of this information reflecting the NEWIROFFS may possibly hold membership in a professional group, it is recommended that they not be deleted from the SI at this time. For the Bureau's information.

67C

COVER PAGE

- E\* -



FD-204 (Rev. 3-3-80)

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

67C

Report of: Date:

September 6, 1962

Field Office File No.:

100-107297

Bureau File No.:

Office:

100-393031

New York, New York

Title:

LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY NEMIROFF

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Symopsis:
Sulject resides at 112 Waverly Place, New York,
New York, and is self-employed as a free lance writer.
Informants cognizant of some Communist activity in the
New York area could furnish no current information concerning
the subject.

- C -

#### DETAILS:

#### I. BACKGROUND

#### Residence and Employment

On August 30, 1962, by means of a pretext by a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), it was ascertained that the subject resides at 112 Waverly Place, New York, New York, and is a self-employed free lance writer working from her residence.

ATT INFORMATION CONTAINED

VEREN E TIELSSHIED

ONTE CHICAGO BY SEL-Ruly Sang

### II. MISCELLANEOUS

During July and August, 1962, confidential informants cognizant of some Communist activity in the New York area, were contacted and shown a photograph of the subject, but could furnish no current information concerning her.

(100-107297)(100-106019)

September 19, 1962

100-393031 100-388986)

VIVIAN MANSBERRY I

## Rettreps 9-6-62.

Cover pages B and E contain considerable information furnished by which does not Since this information appear to have been reported. could materially influence the subjects' Security Index status, it should be reported in appropriate paraphrased form if at all possible. Handle promptly by submission of additional reports or amended pages Also, resubmit your Security Index recommendations.

#### NOTE ON YELLOW:

Both subjects in Security Index.
Unreported information, which has not been reported for unknown reason, indicates possible Communist Party affiliation by subjects in 1962.

BCR:mtb MAILED 3 COMM-FBI Trotter Tele. Room

> MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

Belmont DeLoach Evans Malane Rosen Sullivan

Holmes

KESTIGATI INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD DATE OFFICE OF ORIGIN REPORTING OFFICE 162 10/4 NEW YORK NEW YORK TYPED BY TITLE OF CASE St. 2 . 1 . . mjf CHARACTER OF CASE LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY CNEMIROFF aka SM - C 1.15 REFERENCE dated 9/6/62, 67C Report of SA Bulet to NY dated 9/19/62. at NY: -C-ADMINISTRATIVE Referenced Bulet dated 9/19/62, sets forth instructions therein that the information as set out in cover pages D and E of referenced report dated 9/6/62, as furnished by should be set forth in as furnished by appropriate paraphrased form if at all possible in a report since this information could materially influence the subject's SI status. Referenced letter also instructs NY to handle by submission of additional reports or amended ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED pages. HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED / EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE SPECIAL AGENT DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW PPROVED COPIES MADE: REC- 18 (4)Bureau (100-393031) (RM) 3-New York (100-107297) 15 OCT 10 1962 NECIM II,

REPRESENTATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY

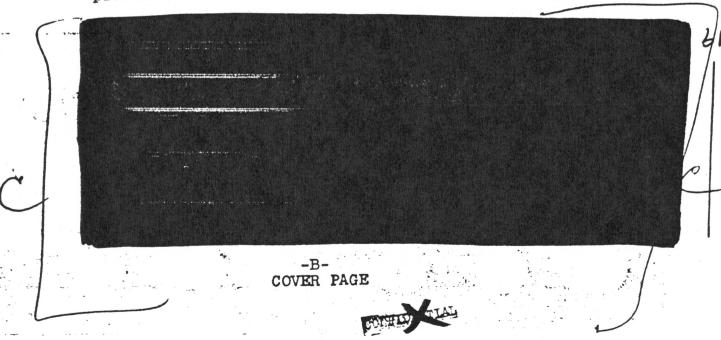


The pretext on 8/30/62, to the subject's residence at 337 Bleecker Street, NYC, was conducted by SA

670

570

It is noted that the subject and spouse reside at two different addresses, the wife living at 112 Waverly Place, NYC, and the husband residing at 337 Bleecker Street, NYC. It is believed that the purpose of these two addresses is for business reasons inasmuch as during the above mentioned pretext subject's spouse stated that his wife was unavailable and had "retreated" to her private residence at 112 Waverly Place, where she was unavailable for interview. The spouse mentioned that this was the customary practice of his wife whenever she was engaged in writing.









# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOLPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.
Deleted under exemption(s)  material available for release to you.  with no segregable
Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies), was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.
Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.
Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):
For your information:
The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:  100-393031-47 Cover page C



 , MY 100-107297

1. X Subject's name istance ded in the Security Index. 2. X The data appearing on the Security Index card are	
current.  3. Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.	
4. X A suitable photograph X is is not available 5. Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those	
instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.  6. Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested	
agencies are  7. This report is classified because (state reason)	
8. Subject previously interviewed (dates)  X Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
of the possibility of embarrassment to the Bureau as a result of the subject's notoriety in the NY Press.	/
9. This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.	
10. This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)	
of the subject's possible membership in a "professional group" in the Village Section (Instant Report).	1
11. X Subject's SI card is X is not tabbed Detcom.  X Subject's activities do X do not warrant Detcom tabbing.	
-D*- COVER PAGE	

### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: Date:

10/5/62

Field Office File No.:

100-107297

100-393031

Title:

LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY NEMIROFF

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: Subject resides at 112 Waverly Place, NY, NY, and is self-employed as a free lance writer. Subject reportedly friendly with the "Guardian Crowd

-C-

DETAILS

BACKGROUND

Residence and Employment

On August 30, 1962, by means of a pretext by a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) it was ascertained that the subject resides at 112 Waverly Place, New York, New York, and is self-employed as a free lance writer working from her residence.

AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

Associates

On October 2, 1962.

advised SA

that it is not known to her if the subject is a current CP member. However, it was overheard at a fund raising party sponsored by Clubs Number 1 and 2 of the Greenwich Village

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

Office:

Bureau File No .:

New York, New York

with the "Guardian Crowd". It was interpretation of this that the subject is probably friendly with NORVAL WELCH who also resides in the Village Section of New York City, and who is connected with the "National Guardian". based her opinion on the close proximity of the subject's residence to that of WELCH, both of whom reside in the Greenwich Village Section of New York.

advised SAS and that he knew NORVAL WELCH, a former National Maritime Union Agent in Honolulu, to be a member of the CP. (Specific

dates of WELCH's CP membership not indicated).

A characterization of the "National Guardian" is attached hereto in the

Guardian is attached hereto in the Appendix Section.

On July 30, 1962, advised that in a discussion with

stated

67C

571)

that NORVAL WELCH "is a member of the professional group in the village and that he works for the 'National Guardian'".

along these lines and could not elaborate any further concerning the "Guardian Crowd".

#### III. MISCELLANEOUS

During July and August, 1962, confidential informants who are familiar with certain phases of CP and CP front group activity in the New York City area were contacted and shown a photograph of the subject but could furnish no additional information concerning her.

1.

### APPENDIX

### "NATIONAL GUARDIAN"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

### "National Guardian

"1. 'established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly \* \* \*. Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the ROSENBERGS and MORTON SOBELL, August 25, 1956, p. 12.)"

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1		Portel	
REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
NEW YURK	NEW YORK	FEB 2 7 1964	12/2/63 - 2/24/64
TILE OF CASE		REPORT MADE BY	67c TYPED BY
		The state of the s	-   Alla
LORRAINE VIVIA	N HANSBERRY	CHARACTER OF	CASE
ONEMIROFF, aka			a stranger of the contract of
		SECURITY	$MATTER - C \qquad M \mathcal{D}$
			W , E
			<b>O</b> //
REFERENC	E		670
1	Report of SA		NY, dated 10/5/62.
A	Report of SA		,,
	•	- C -	•
ADMINIST			
	The pretext on 2/	/13/64, was c	enducted by SA
	Van en de Denhard Schlager Cale : Grane		
			67
			67
	Records of		67C
reviewed	Records of by SA	12/26	63. re the subject L70
	by CA	12/26 tion not in t	67C
reviewed do not c	by CA	12/26 tion not in t	63. re the subject L70
do not c	by CA	12/26 tion not in t	63. re the subject L70
do not c	ontain any informat	tion not in t	670 63, re the subject 670 the possession of the
do not c	ontain any information any information any information and inf	tion not in t	63. re the subject L70
APPROVED COPIES MADE:	ontain any information of the second of the	tion not in t	63, re the subject 670 the possession of the
APPROVED COPIES MADE:	ontain any information of the second of the	tion not in t	670 /63, re the subject 670 the possession of the contract o
do not c NYO.  APPROVED  COPIES MADE:  74 44 - Bure	eau (100-393031)(RM)	100 _ 3	670 /63, re the subject 670 the possession of the contract o
do not c NYO.  APPROVED  COPIES MADE:  74 44 - Bure	ontain any information of the second of the	100 _ 3	670 /63, re the subject 670 the possession of the contract o
APPROVED COPIES MADE:  74 14 - Bure 3 - New	eau (100-393031)(RM)	tion not in t	670 63, re the subject 670 the possession of the contract of
do not c NYO.  APPROVED  COPIES MADE:  74 14 - Bure  3 - New  Class. & Ext. By 50 -	eau (100-393031) (RM)  York (100-107297)	100 _ 3	670 63, re the subject 670 the possession of the contract of
do not c NYO.  APPROVED  COPIES MADE:  74 - Bure  3 - New	eau (100-393031) (RM)  York (100-107297)	100 _ 3	63, re the subject 670 he possession of the honor write in spaces below 9303/ 48
APPROVED  COPIES MADE:  74 4 - Bure  3 - New  Class. & Ext. By 0 - Reason-FORM II, 1-2.4  Date of Revisur 272	eau (100-393031) (RM)  York (100-107297)	100 _ 3	63, re the subject 670 he possession of the honor write in spaces below 9303/ 48
do not c NYO.  APPROVED  COPIES MADE:  74 4 - Bure  3 - New  Class. & Ext. By 91-  Reason-FOIN II, 1-2.4  Date of Revisur 212	eau (100-393031) (RM)  York (100-107297)	100 3	63, re the subject 670 he possession of the honor write in spaces below 9303/ 48
do not conyo.  APPROVED  COPIES MADE:  74 4 - Bure  3 - New  Class. & Ext. By 1 - Reason-FCIK II, 1-2.4  Date of Revisur 12.4  Dissemination reconstruction	eau (100-393031) (RM)  York (100-107297)  CONTO OF ATTACHED REPORT	100 3	670 67 67 67 67 67 67 67 67 67 67 67 67 67
do not c NYO.  APPROVED  COPIES MADE:  74 4 - Bure  3 - New  Class. & Ext. By 91-  Reason-FOIN II, 1-2.4  Date of Revisal 22	eau (100-393031) (RM)  York (100-107297)  CRD OF ATTACHED REPORT	100 3	63, re the subject 670 he possession of the honor write in spaces below 9303/ 48
do not conyo.  APPROVED  COPIES MADE:  74 14 - Bure  3 - New  Class. & Ext. By 1 - Reason-FCIR II, 1-2.4  Date of Revisur 12.4  Dissemination reconstruction	eau (100-393031) (RM)  York (100-107297)  CONTO OF ATTACHED REPORT	MAR 2	63, re the subject 670 he possession of the horizontal NEC 20







## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

2	Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.
×	Deleted under exemption(s) with no segregable material available for release to you.
	Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.
	Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.
	Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies), was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.
	Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.
	Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):
	For your information:
$\boxtimes$	The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:  100-393031-48 Cover pages B and C

XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX 

1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	Subject's name is included in the Security Index.  The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.  Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and  Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.  A suitable photograph X is is not available.  Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are
6.	This report is classified Confidential because (state reason)
	it contains information from sources of continuing value, the unauthorized disclosure of which would be detrimental to the defense interests of the United States.
7.	Subject previously interviewed (dates)  Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
	of the possibility of embarrassment to the Bureau due to subject's profession as a writer, and her notoriety in the New York press.
8.	This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9•	This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)
	of subject's possible membership in a "professional group" in the Village Section, NY County CP (Report of LTC SA NY, 10/5/62), and because of her availability to such CP leaders as WILLIAM L. PATTERSON (instant report)
10.	∑ Subject's SI card  is  is not tabbed Detcom.  ∑ Subject's activities  do  do not warrant Detcom tabbing.  ∑ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.  ∑ Subject's activities  do  do  tabbing.  ∑ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

COVER PAGE

X

ÉD-204 (Rev. 8-8-80)

# CONFIDENTIAL U...1ED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

CONFINENTIAL

Copy to:

Report of: Date: FEB 27 1964

LIC Office:

New York, New York

Field Office File No.: 100-107297

Bureau File No.: 100-393031

Title

LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY NEMIROFF

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

- C -

Class. & Ert. Ry S1-GellBu Reacon 1 1-2.4.2

DETAILS

I. BACKGROUND

Residence and Employment

On February 13, 1964, by means of a suitable pretext by a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) it was determined that the subject resides at 337 Bleecker Street, New York, New York, and is self-employed as a free lance writer from her residence.

GROUP 1
Excluded from automatic downgrading and declassification

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN AND AND ASSISTED
EX. 2 SHOWN
01ALL...22

CONF. ENTIAL



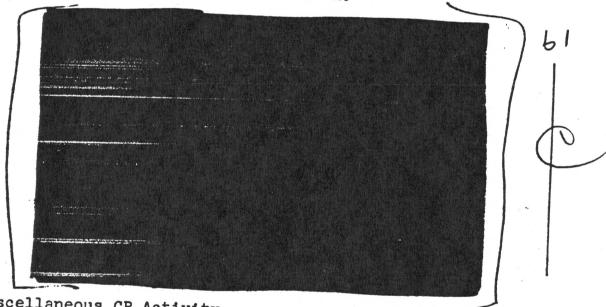
## II. APPILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

#### A. CP Front Groups

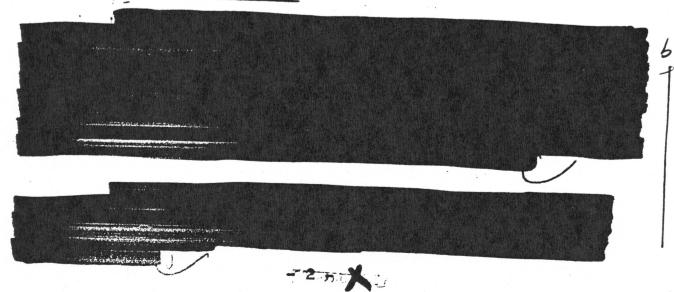
New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities
Committee (NYCAHUAC)

A characterization of the NYCAHUAC is contained in the Appendix hereto.

The following informants advised on the indicated dates that LORRAINE HANSBERRY was one of the speakers on October 24, 1962, at a mass meeting sponsored by the NYCAHUAC at Manhattan Center, New York, New York:



B. Miscellaneous CP Activity



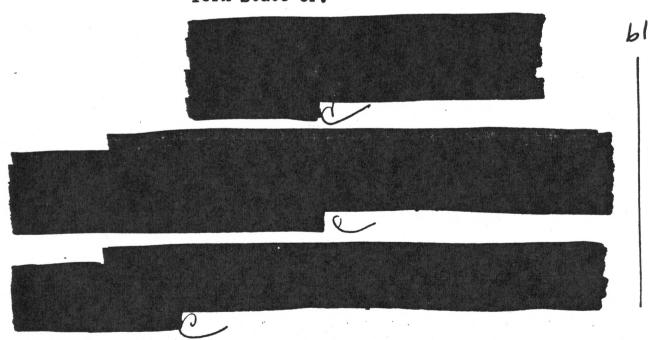


The Sunday edition of "The Worker", issue of November 26, 1961, featured an article on pages 1, 6 and 7, concerning the application and acceptance of Dr. W.E.B. DUBOIS into the CPUSA. The article stated that DUBOIS applied for membership in the CPUSA by letter dated October 1, 1961, and addressed to GUS HALL, General Secretary of the CPUSA.

"The Worker" is an East coast Communist newspaper.

The "New York Times", issue of August 28, 1963, page 33, carried an obituary that W.E.B. DUBOIS had died in Accra, Ghana, on August 27, 1963, at the age of 95.

"The Worker" issue of September 24, 1961, page 11, refers to WILLIAM L. PATTERSON as Chairman of the New York State CP.

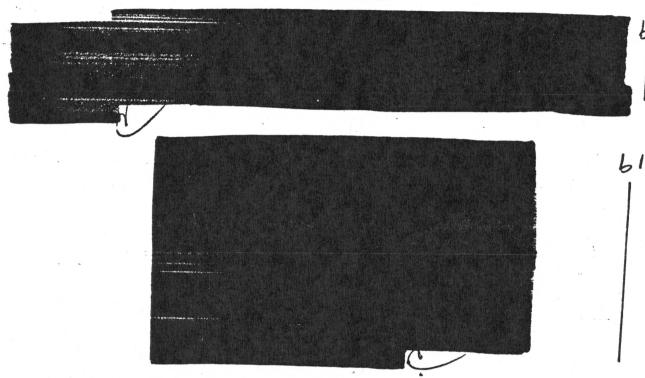


A characterization of Freedomways, Associates, Inc., is contained in the Appendix hereto.



The Winter, 1963, issue of "Freedomways" contains an article, on page 31, "A Challenge to Artists" by LORRAINE HANSBERRY.

#### III. MISCELLANEOUS



The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "National Guardian", October 31, 1963, page 11, contained an article entitled, "Guardian Peace Tour: 150 noted Americans Welcoming YASUI." In the article the name of "playwright, LORRAINE HANSBERRY" was listed as one of the members of the "National Welcoming Committee for the leader of the Japanese peace movement, Professor KAORU YASUI, who will make a ten day tour of the United States under Guardian auspices, 11/16-27."

A characterization of the "National Guardian" is contained in the Appendix hereto..

- 4 - <u>CONE</u>



Certain informants who are familiar with various phases of CP activity in the New York City area were contacted in December, 1963, and January, 1964, and were shown a photograph of the subject. These informants advised that they did not have any information, or additional information, concerning the subject.



1.

APPENDIX

NEW YORK COUNCIL TO APOLISH THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Committee (NYCAUAC), 150 West 3th Street, New York City, New York, was formed at a meeting held in New York City on November 17, 1960. This organization was founded principally through the efforts of FRANK WILKINSON, Field Representative of the National Committee To Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAUAC).

A second source advised on September 17, 1952, that FRANK WILKINSON was a Communist Party member as of September, 1952.

A third source furnished on September 14, 1961, a copy of resolutions of the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAHUAC) which were adopted by the NYCAHUAC. One such resolution affirmed the intention to continue to work for the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) and to continue its efforts to broaden the participation in this fight. Another resolution accepted as a modus vivendi the suggestion of the Field Representative of the "National Committee to Abolish the HCUA" (NCAHUAC) namely that local abolition committees may identify and co-ordinate their efforts as closely as they desire with NCAHUAC, still maintaining their autonomy for as flexible and independent a program as possible.

Various sources have advised during March, 1962, that Communist Party (CP) members in the New York City area have been solicited to support activities of the NYCAHUAC during attendance at CP club meetings.

On May 5, 1953, the first source advised that the NYCAHUAC continues to function from its office at 150 West 34th Street, New York City, New York.



1.

#### APPENDIX

#### FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

The records of the New York Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the certificate of incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, was filed on March 2, 1961.

The Spring, 1963, issue of "Freedomways" is self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City.

On May 24, 1961, a source advised that a report was given on "Freedomways" at a meeting of the National Board, Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), held on May 24, 1961. It was stated that the original plan called for the publication to be openly Marxist, but that it was later decided it would not be avowedly a Marxist publication. Editorials are in the hands of a mixed group of Marxists and non-Marxists. It was stated that the central purpose of "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro movement, as well as to raise the level of understanding and discussion taking place in Negro life today and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation.

On May 25, 1961, another source advised that "Freedomways" was set up for the CPUSA by James Jackson, a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

CONBIDATIAL

NY 100-107297



1.

APPENDIX

#### "NATIONAL GUARDIAN"

Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

"1. 'established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly \* \* \*. Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the ROSENBERGS and MORTON SODELL, August 25, 1956, p. 12.)"



#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

FEB 27 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No.

NY 100-107297 Bu 100-393031

Title

LORRAINE VIVIAN HANSBERRY NEMIROFF

Character SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference Report of SA dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

#### UNITED STATES G

# lemoranaum

2-Bureau (100-393031) 1-New York (100-107297) TJC:cmc 5 3 JUN 26 196375

: Director, FBi (Bufile- 100-393031 ) TO DATE: 6/17/63 NEW YORK (100-107297) LORRAINE V. HANSBERRY NEMIROFF SUBJECT: SM - C (00: NEW YORK) It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual. change only): Name Aliases Native Born Naturalized Communist Socialist Workers Party Independent Socialist League Miscellaneous (specify)\_ Race Tab for Detcom Male & Date of Birth Place of Birth 300 سة Business Address (show name of employing concern and address) Key Facility Data Geographical Reference Number . Interested Agencies Residence Address 337 Bleecker Street New York, New York DOM WIELL DIV. (Summer Residence) Quaker Bridge Road BEDAR Croton-øn-Hudson, New York

The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows (specify

Female

670

# TED STATES DEPARTMENT OF

PEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

NY 100-107297

New York, New York May 11. 1964 DECLASSIFIED, BY

Lorraine Vivian Re: Hansberry Nemiroff/

Lorraine Nemiroff, who is also known as Mrs. Robert Nemiroff and Lorraine Hansberry, resides at 337 Bleecker Street, New York, New York, and has a summer residence at Quaker Bridge Road, Croton-on-Hudson, New York. She is employed as a free lance writer from her residence.

Lorraine Nemiroff was born on May 19, 1930, at Chicago, Illinois. She was educated at the University of Wisconsin and Roosevelt College, Chicago, Illinois. She is married to Robert Nemiroff. Her main occupation; other than housewife, is playwright, and a recent notable play which was written by her is "A Raisin in the Sun", Starring Sidney Portier. She is described as female, Negro, five feet five inches, 130 pounds, medium build, black hair, light brown eyes and light brown complexion.

The 1953 Fall term catalogue for the Jefferson School of Social Science (JSSS) reflects Lorraine Nemiroff as an instructor of a class in literature of Negro people.

> The JSSS has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency; 100-393031-

CONFIDENTIAL

Copy to Lec Ler by routing slip for 1 info

A MAY 1

GROUP/1 Excladed from automatic 8 MAY 12 19 downgrading and declassification

670



### D STATES DEPARTMENT OF

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION New York, New York July 27, 1964

File No.

NYfile 100-107297 Bufile 100-393031

SUBJECT:

LORRAINE V. HANSBERRY NEMIROFF

REFERENCE:

Memorandum dated 5/11/64.

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence:

Employment:

Playwright, Vivian Productions Incorporated 137 West 52nd Street, 3rd Floor, New York, New York

BISA- Substitute 100-393031-NOT RECORDED

4 AUG 4 1204 SUBMICONT

Coby to 5.5 by fouting stip for Mills C Krison

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

FD-122 (Rev. 4-17-53)

GPTIONAL POIN NO. 10

GAT 1942 ESTION

GEA GEN. SEG. NO. 37

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum	
Director, FBI (Bufile-100-393031) DATE:	7/27/64
NEW YORK (100-107297)	
LORRAINE V. HANSBERRY NEMIROFF aka SM-C (OO: NEW YORK)	Cards UTD Cards Sent 00
It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.  Name	The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows (specify change only):
Aliases	
■ Native Born ■ Naturalized	Alien
Native Pers	Alien Independent Socialist League
Native Born Naturalized  Companied Socialist Workers Party	Independent Socialist League
Native Born Naturalized  Communist Socialist Workers Party  Miscellaneous (specify)	Independent Socialist League
Native Born Naturalized  Communist Socialist Workers Party  Miscellaneous (specify)  Tab for Detcom	Independent Socialist League  Sex Male Fem
Native Born  Communist  Socialist Workers Party  Miscellaneous (specify)  Tab for Detcom  Date of Birth  Place of Birth  Business Address (show name of employing concern and address)  Playwright, Vivian Productions Incorporate 137 West 52nd Street, 3rd Floor, New York,  Key Facility Data	Independent Socialist League  Sex Male Fem

2-Bureau 1-New York 1BC: Jad REGISTERED MAIL (3)

51384. A 3767C

# Playwright, Dies a

cancer.

York Critics' Circle Award for best play of the year," making her the youngest native American dramatist to win this distinction. The filmed version won the Cannes Film Festival's special award in 1961.

She is currently repre-sented on Broadway by "The Sign in Sidney Brustein's Window," which opened Oct. 15 to mixed reviews and has been kept alive by interested theatrical friends of Miss Hansberry. The playwright treatment for underwent eancer during rehearsals for the play and was released from the hospital for the opening. She re-entered the hospital Oct. 17 and did not leave again.

In private life Miss Hans berry was the wife of the atrical producer Robert Nem-

NEW YORK, Jan. 12 (UPI) troff. She was form in Chicago, Lorraine Hansberry, 24, prize-winning Broadway playwright, died today at University Hos-died today at University Hos-pital after as a tag marker in the far inlong bout with dustry while gaining experi ence as a writer.

Miss Hansberry had comberry was best pleted another work. known for her Blancs," which is tentatively play, "A Raisin scheduled for production later in the Sun," this season.

which was later filmed. Its Broadway run in 1959 won Miss Hansberry her the New York Critics' Circle Award for

NOT RECORDED

176 JAN 18 1965

MAY 1812 EDITION NO. 27
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

то

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-393031)

DATE: 1/22/65

SUBJECT:

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107297) (-C-)

LORRAINE V. HANSBERRY NEMIROFF SM-C (00:NY)

Carrico de ser-

Enclosed are an original and two copies of a LHM setting forth subject's death on 1/12/65.

Subject is included on the Security Index of the NYO and because of her death on 1/12/65, the SI cards concerning her are being cancelled in the NYO.

As subject was a nationally known playwright and the news of her death was carried by the major news wire services no further action is deemed necessary. Subject's case file will be placed in a closed status, UACB.

2 - Bureau (ENOLS.3) (RM) 1 - New York

EJM:poc (3)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

FEREN IS ENGLASSIFIED

DATE 4/16/81 BY Spi-buff Burg

67C

REC 5 100-393031- H

Cancelled

JAN 29 1965

Copy to Seeret Service
by routing slip for RAO

Mater 1 - 21-65

by RRE/Com

1965